

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE AUGUST 10, 2005 AS
"NATIVE PLANT DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has one of the largest numbers of
plant habitats in the United States, from Chihuahuan desert to
alpine tundra; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico also supports one of the largest
numbers of native plant species in the United States; and

WHEREAS, some of these species are found nowhere else on
earth; and

WHEREAS, these native plants support a large variety of
birds and animals, both native and domestic; and

WHEREAS, our modern way of life inadvertently destroys
habitat and introduces noxious weeds, which in their turn
replace native forage as well as the state's natural heritage;
and

WHEREAS, in all seasons, New Mexicans enjoy the beauty
and variety of these native plants, from sunflowers and purple
asters to exotic yuccas and cacti; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing concern lest many of these
native plants become destroyed or eradicated because they are
not well enough known;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor

be requested to designate August 10, 2005 as "Native Plant Day" in New Mexico to honor and showcase the natural heritage of plants that New Mexico provides for all its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor and to the president of the native plant society of New Mexico.